CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	1-128.jpg
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Applicant:	The District Court At Timaru
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	08 July 2013
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	No notice of decision has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The image on the file shows a girl in her mid teens, naked apart from socks, posing for the camera on a bed. Although her genitals are not visible, the display of her youthful body is clearly sexual. The sole purpose of the image is sexual titillation or arousal. The image invites viewers to see underage girls as ready for sexual activity with adults and encourages a sexual interest in young people.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.